THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per available information furnished by the State Government of West Bengal four police personnel were killed on the spot and sixteen were injured, one of whom later succumbed to injuries. Five persons have so far been arrested in connection with the incident. Linkages of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami have been revealed in this case.

(c) State Government has decided to pay compensation to the affected, as under:

I. An adhoc grant to the tune of Rs. 75,000/has been paid to each family from Kolkata Police Benevolent Fund;

II. An adhoc grant of Rs. 25,000/has been paid to each family from the charitable Fund of Kolkata Police Family Welfare Centre;

III. Rs. 1 lakh will be given shortly to each of the family under the coverage of Group Janata Accident Policy sponsored by Kolkata Police Family Welfare Centre;

IV. Rs. 2 lakhs will be given shortly to each family by Government of West Bengal.

ISI activities in Andhra Pradesh

686. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of news reports that the police of Nizamabad, Andhra Pradesh have busted an ISI ring operating from the State;

(b) if so, the details of the activities of that ring;

(c) how many ISI agents were arrested in Andhra Pradesh in the last five years;

(d) State-wise details of the arrests of ISI agents in the same period;

(e) whether it is also a fact that many of ISI agents are being nabbed in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In January, 2002, Andhra Pradesh Police arrested a Pak resident while he was in the process of communicating sensitive information/documents about Indian Army.

(c) and (d) Public order and Police being state subjects, specific details in this regard are not maintained by the Central Government. However, Govennment of Andhra Pradesh had unearthed about 12 modules of ISI sponsored militant acitivities upto December, 2001 resulting in arrest of about 120 persons including 3 Pak nationals and seizure of explosives and weapons etc.

(e) and (f) In addition to the modules unearthed in Andhra Pradesh, there have been some cases in West Bengal as well.

Government is aware that Pak ISI is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country through espionage, sabotage and subversion.

Request of Assam Government to Check Cross Border Terrorism

687. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government has sought Central Government's help to check cross border terrorism from Bhutan and Bangladesh;

(b) whether Assam Government has also requested the Government to persuade Bhutan to disband ultras' Camps in Bhutan; and

(c) Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Assam had submitted a Memorandum to the Union Home Minister on 30.1.2002 seeking central assistance to contain the militancy in the State of Assam.

(c) The matter has already been taken up with the Governments of Bangladesh and Bhutan. They have assured that they will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.